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Applicants : Leung et al.
Filed : September 30, 2002
Art Unit : 3731
Examiner: : Glen Dawson
Docket No. : 013341.000021
Customer No. : 24239
Title : BARBED SUTURE IN COMBINATION WITH SURGICAL NEEDLE

Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT A

Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action dated July 27, 2004, and having a 3-month term that expired on October 27, 2004. Accordingly, a Petition for a 3-month extension and the requisite Petition fee are enclosed to extend the term up to and including **January 27, 2005**.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 8 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 18 of this paper and include additional drawing sheets 9, 10, and 11.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 19 of this paper.


Additional Sheets 9, 10, and 11 of drawings are attached following page 37 of this paper.

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Application Type	Fee(\$)	Fee(\$)	Fee(\$)	Fee(\$)	Fee(\$)	Fee(\$)	Fees Paid (\$)
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	300	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	500	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	
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Fee Description						Fee(\$)	Fee(\$)
Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent						50	25
Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent						200	100
Multiple dependent claims						360	180
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